

## REMARKS

Applicant request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the July 29, 2009 final Office Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 12, 17, and 20-27, are now pending, with claims 1, 12, and 17 being independent claims. Claims 9 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 17, and 20 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the originally-filed disclosure and, for example, at least at page 30, line 17 to page 31, line 11. Claims 21-27 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the originally-filed disclosure. Thus, Applicant submit that the amendments do not include new matter.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 17, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,029,238 to Furukawa in view of Japanese Patent JP 06-264651 to Kon. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa and Kon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,795,829 to Alsop. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

As recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention includes, *inter alia*, the feature of a preparation unit that prepares statistical information concerning the power consumption amount of a image processing apparatus for a specified user identification information calculated by a calculation unit, wherein the preparation unit prepares the statistical information by associating the power consumption amount in a first and second modes with the specified user identification information and not associating the power consumption amount in a power control mode with the specified user identification

information. Applicant submits that the cited documents do not disclose or suggest at least these features.

Furukawa discloses an image processing apparatus for specifying a user that uses the image processing apparatus. Kon discloses timing an operation time of an image processing apparatus and calculating power consumption amount of an image processing apparatus.

However, Applicant submits that neither Furukawa or Kon, whether taken individually or in combination, disclose or suggest a preparation unit that prepares statistical information concerning the power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for the specified user identification information calculated by the calculation unit, wherein the preparation unit prepares the statistical information by associating the power consumption amount in the first and second modes with the specified user identification information and not associating the power consumption amount in the power control mode with the specified user identification information, as recited in Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the calculating feature recited in independent Claim 1. Independent Claims 12 and 17 recite a similar feature and are believed patentable for reasons similar to independent Claim 1. The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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